



Alun School  
School Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2008  
2.30 to 5.00 pm in the Conference Room

Present

Clwyd - Sarah Kirkham, José Sherwood  
Gwent - Jack Leonard-Gill, Rachel Trotter  
Sixth Form - Jessica Lovelock, Megan Binns (Chair)

Dyfed - Alex Bridges, Kate Selwyn  
Powys - Sophie Jones, Gabriel Marshall

Mr A Jones (Headteacher), Mr G Evans (Assistant Head), Mr Ravenscroft (School Governor)

1. Matters arising from previous minutes

Charity – Since the last meeting a range of charity events have taken place. The school is now half way to its target for the Hope House charity and the houses are discussing further ideas. The Peter Mc Ferran 'Tour d'Alun' charity event raised £500 while Children in Need raised £1000. It was also decided that the next own clothes day will be raising money for Comic Relief.

Website – A new part of the Alun School website has been set up by two teachers, called the 'community zone'. It features separate sections for each house plus a school council page.

2. School Effectiveness

The council received a letter from the minister, Jane Hutt, of the Welsh Assembly Government. Included was a leaflet on school effectiveness and a diagram showing the key aspects, known as a 'pizza'. The council discussed the five main areas which were leadership, improving and taking responsibility, teaching and learning, working with others, and a group to share good practice and supporting one another. It was felt that the school matches up well to these points due to the many different groups, gatherings and information that is given out to students. However we could improve by further promoting the activities the school provides and to have notes in homework diaries. The council will now write back to the Welsh Assembly stating some of the things our school already does.

3. Fairtrade

The Alun School is thinking of becoming a Fairtrade school. Jess Lovelock and Megan Binns made a presentation on fair trade, what is a Fairtrade school and how to become one. There were 5 main objectives that had to be completed these were, to set up a steering group, write a fair trade policy, use and sell the products, learn about fair trade and have a meeting at least once a term.

The general thoughts on this were positive, the main issues were awareness and to start off gradually. The conclusion was that we will aim to become a Fairtrade school.

4. Self Evaluation : School Behaviour Policy

The council went through the school policy, and ideas from the council were given on how to improve it. They were:-

- A positive learning environment must be made by the teacher
- The punishments for misbehaving must be consistent through all the houses, departments and teachers
- To make sure the level of punishment fits the misbehaviour
- There should be no whole-class detentions

Mr Jones will make sure all these points are included.

5. Any Other Business - None